

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of the Invention--.

On page 2, line 16, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention—

On page 2, lines 17 and 18, please amend this paragraph as follows:

To realize this object, the inventive coal-fired power station is characterized by providing a coarse ash separator disposed upstream of the catalytic converter in a section of the flue gas channel, wherein the flue gas channel includes a sieve that extends essentially over an entire cross-sectional area of the flue gas channel, and wherein the sieve is adapted to be deflected out of the position of rest by a flue gas stream and against the effect of a restoring force. ~~the features in patent claim 1.~~

On page 5, line 17 through page 6, line 10, please amend this paragraph as follows:

The features wherein the sieve forms folds that are directed in an upstream direction relative to a flue gas stream and extend essentially parallel to one another ~~of patent claim 5~~ characterize an approach of the stated object that can be utilized independently of the previously discussed approach, preferably, however, together with the previously discussed approach. The folds of the sieve, which extend essentially parallel to one another, effect a drastic enlargement of the sieve surface and thus offer the possibility of being able to make the sieve openings relatively small. It was found that the critical size of the coarse ash particles begin at about 5 mm. Thus, the size of the sieve openings is preferably selected to be about 5 mm x 5 mm. In addition to this purely sieve effect the formation of folds additionally effects an increased self-cleaning of the sieve. The particles strike the sieve surface at an angle, so that their movement has a component that is parallel to the sieve surface. This counteracts the tendency of the particles to become caught in the sieve openings. Added to this is the fact that also the exhaust

gas stream experiences a certain deflection and turbulence, which also enhances the self cleaning effect.

On page 8, line 3, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 8, between lines 18 and 19, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 15, after line 7, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 102 27 639.0 filed June 20, 2002 and PCT/EP2002/014633 filed December 20, 2002.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.—

In addition, please add the following abstract to the specification:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A coal-fired power station is provided and has a boiler that is heatable by dry firing, a catalytic converter for reducing an NO_x level, a flue gas channel that adjoins the boiler and leads to the catalytic converter, and a coarse ash separator disposed upstream of the catalytic converter in a section of the flue gas channel, which includes a sieve that extends essentially over an entire cross-sectional area thereof. The sieve is adapted to be deflected out of a position of rest by a flue gas stream and against the effect of a restoring force, and/or the sieve forms folds that are directed in an upstream direction relative to a flue gas stream and extend essentially parallel to one another.